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Center Lakes Association

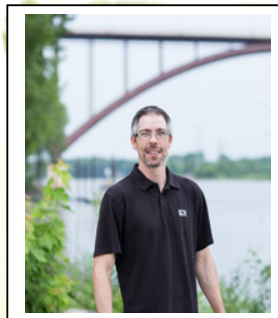
SPRING 2017

CARP-How big is the problem?

South Center Lake is an 835-acre lake in Chisago County, MN and managed primarily for walleye and northern pike fishing. The lake is a popular recreational lake and receives high angler pressure. Fisheries surveys have been conducted every five years from 1985 until 2015. Common carp first appeared in these surveys starting in 2000 but were first detected in a 1995 fisheries survey of North Center Lake, which connects to South Center via a connection under US Highway 8. Although common carp do not appear until the 1990's, they are believed to have entered the lake after a high water period in 1986.

Carp are one of the most damaging aquatic invasive species due to its wide distribution and severe impacts in shallow lakes and wetlands. Their feeding disrupts shallowly rooted plants and muddies the water. They release phosphorus that increases algae abundance. Carp induced declines in water quality causes declines of aquatic plants needed by waterfowl and fish.

(Excerpted from the Chisago County web site at <http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/8003> and the MN DNR website at <http://dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticanimals/commoncarp/index.html>)



LID Partnership Carp Management Program

SPRING MEETING

Saturday, June 10

Phil's Grill
(formerly the Swedish Village)
280 Andrews Ave
Center City, MN

*Business meeting at 9:30 am followed by
speaker*

Our speaker this year will be:

Mike Majeski, Biologist with EOR, Inc. Mike has 16 years of experience as a biologist with a focus on wildlife & aquatic ecology. His work includes stream assessment and habitat restoration, natural resource management plans, large scale water quality studies, and rare species surveys. Mike manages a variety of projects including invasive species detection and management, stream enhancements, lake diagnostic studies, and Threatened & Endangered wildlife surveys.

Silent Auction and Wearables available
Proceeds benefit AIS management.

HELP WANTED

The Center Lakes Association is always seeking volunteers to help with various activities and events. We are particularly in need of:

- **Secretary**—keeps accurate minutes and records, assists with written correspondence, notification for meetings, and other such important activities. This is an elected position and is a 2 year term.
- **Public Relations**—we are looking for someone with an interest or experience in communications to help us inform members of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, etc. This is an important way to build our membership and improve our visibility in the community.

Interested? Email us or call Lorene Gray, CLA President at 651-492-3387 for more information

Center Lakes Association Elected Officials

President	Lorene Gray	651-492-3387
Vice President	Mike Olmschenk	651-775-2059
Secretary	vacant	
Treasurer	Mike Gray	612-363-2749

Please contact us if you have a question!

Your Vote Counts!

The objectives of the Center Lakes Association are focused on improving water quality and educating lakeshore owners and users. One of the best ways that we can improve water quality in our lakes is to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). The CLA has worked closely with the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (CL LID) and the MN DNR in the past. As many of you already know, the funding sources for the management of AIS have changed dramatically in the last years and some funds have diminished. This leads to uncertainty in the CLA's efforts to obtain funding for ongoing AIS management in our lakes.

One way that we can make an impact is to become an advocate for our lakes, partnering with other lake associations and becoming a strong voice in our community and at the state level—educating our representatives on the problems facing our lakes.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) is an advocacy group solely focused on protecting Minnesota's lake and river heritage for current and future generations by forging powerful links between lakes, lake advocates, and policy makers. Please visit their website at www.mnlakesandrivers.org to learn more about what they do and what they stand for. One of the great ways that they can be helpful to us is in contacting our representatives.

At our annual meeting in June, the membership will be asked to vote on whether we should become a part of the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates. The CLA Executive Board has reviewed the goals and objectives of the MLR and talked with the Executive Director (Jeff Forester). **We encourage the membership to vote YES to allow CLA to become a part of this larger voice for an annual donation of \$200.** The CLA also encourages individuals to take advantage of the resources and information on their website to educate themselves and support the work being done by the MLR.

A Big THANK YOU to our corporate sponsors! Please support them!

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Center Lakes Association

Annual Membership Application

- **New Member** (annual dues \$25.00)
- **Renewal Member** (annual dues \$25.00)
- **Associate Member** (annual dues \$25.00)
- **Corporate Sponsor** (annual donation \$150.00)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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I PREFER TO RECEIVE THE CLA NEWSLETTER BY

- US Mail (non-computer user only, please)
- E-MAIL
- Remove from list

MY LAKE SHORE PROPERTY IS ON

- South Center Lake
- North Center Lake

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- I am a full-time resident
- Seasonal
- Snowbird

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Yes

Free will donations of any denomination are accepted for the Aquatic Invasive Species Fund. Donations are not in place of membership.

Attention Corporate Sponsors-please supply a copy of your Logo and contact information. Please contact the CLA for more information

Mail to: CLA, PO Box 568 Lindstrom, MN 55045

Website

www.centerlakesassociation.org

E-Mail

centerlakes@frontier.com

Facebook

www.facebook.com/centerlakesmn

Mailing address

**Center Lakes Association
P.O. Box 568
Lindstrom MN, 55045**

Center Lakes Association Objectives

- *Maintain and improve the water quality of South and North Center Lakes*
- *Promote and educate lakeshore owners and users responsible use of the lakes*
- *Bring about a spirit of cooperation among the lakeshore owners and surrounding communities*

CLA invites members to volunteer.

Please Renew Your Annual Membership!

Your Membership Dues:

- Help fund aquatic invasive species control.
- Provide educational opportunities to lakeshore owners and the community
- Are due each spring, and last for 1 year
- Don't know if you already paid your dues?
Just email us at centerlakes@frontier.com to check on your membership status.

Corporate Sponsorship Program

CLA is seeking interested businesses to partner with us. In return for your donation, your business logo/advertisement will appear in:

- Membership mailers to 125+ households
- Multiple emails to our member households
- Recognition at our two annual meetings
- Facebook exposure

Please contact the CLA for more information

News and Events

- Boat Parade-July 30, 2017 in conjunction with Center City Days! Watch for more information! Make plans now to decorate your boat and show your community spirit! Prizes will be awarded!
- Lakes Management, Inc fundraising campaign-some of you have noticed that LMI has graciously partnered with us to promote membership in CLA and obtain donations to work toward AIS management. We thank them for their support
- New this year is a Corporate Sponsorship Program. For more information, please contact a Board Member!
- So far this year, we have raised \$980.00 in donations (other than our membership dues) to support control of AIS
- This year, we obtained \$14,694.00 in grant monies from the MN DNR and the CL LID to help in our fight against AIS
- Save the Date! Chisago County Children's Water Festival will be 9/28/17. More info at www.chisagoswcd.org